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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-20 are pending in the application, as claims 5 and 15 were previously canceled without prejudice. In the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 6, 9-11 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0231654 to Hikspoors, et al. (Hikspoors). Also, claims 2, 3, 7, 12, 13 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hikspoors in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,919,712 to Herron, et al. (Herron). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hikspoors in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0041041 to Hetzer, et al. (Hetzer). Finally, claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hikspoors in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0008952 to Kragl (Kragl).

Independent claims 1, 11 and 17 have been amended to clarify that the reflective material is coated on a side wall of the light conduit that is substantially perpendicular to another portion of the conduit that includes an opening that receives the light from a light source. Additionally, dependent claims 4 and 14 have been amended to clarify that the light is directed to the display structure at an angle of substantially ninety degrees. Support for the amendment can be clearly found in FIG. 2. No new matter has been added.

In contrast, the reflecting material (33) of Hikspoor is positioned on an entrance surface (31) that directly faces the light source (see FIG. 1). While this reflecting material (33) assists in reflecting light back to the LCD (36) (see paragraph 0022), the entrance surface (31) necessitates a small opening (32) in that surface (31). Such a configuration drastically decreases the amount of light that reaches the LCD (36), a

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drawback that is ill-suited for ever-expanding display structures in today's portable electronics. Moreover, Hikspoor does not mention anything about directing the light to the LCD (36) at an angle, a feature that is useful for clam-shell or flip-type cellular telephones.

As such, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 11 and 17 are patentable over the prior art. Applicants also believe that those claims that depend from independent claims 1, 11 and 17 are patentable over the prior art, both based on their dependencies on the independent claims and their patentability on their own. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested. Passing of this case is now believed to be in order, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

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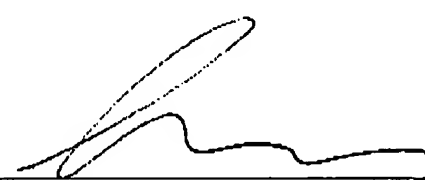
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